

MISSING A GOOD BET

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Success of the recent championship canoe regatta in Kona once more points up the fact that Hilo is missing a good bet in failing to follow Kona's example in reviving this ancient and lively sport on this side of the Island.

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Far from competing with or detracting from the championship regatta or any other canoe racing event in Kona, revival of the activity here would serve to increase interest in the Kona events, with Hilo teams entering the Kona events and with Kona teams displaying their skill before Hilo spectators.

The protected harbor here is a natural for practice of the sport as well as for staging actual racing events. Hundreds of autos could be lined up along the new waterfront highway with every car affording a fine view of the entire race course.

The donation of a canoe or two by some philanthropical and sports-minded individual or group would undoubtedly start the ball rolling. There are plenty of potential paddlers.